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Group Art Unit: 3653

Serial No.: 10/081,176

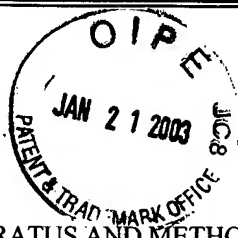
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- ☒ **Small entity status is entitled to be asserted in the above-identified application.**
- ☒ An itemized return postcard.
- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time for \_\_ month(s) and a check in the amount of \$\_\_ for the required fee.
- ☒ A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pgs); 1449 form (1 pg); and copy of 1 document cited on the 1449 form.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_, representing \_\_.
- ☐ A certified copy of a \_\_ application, Serial No. \_\_, filed \_\_\_\_, the right of priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- ☐ Other: \_\_.
- ☐ Amendment ☐ No Additional fee is required. ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown:

| Fee Calculation for Claims Pending After Amendment                            |                                    |                             |                                   |                           |                          |
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|   | Pending Claims after Amendment (1) | Claims Paid for Earlier (2) | Number of Additional Claims (1-2) | Cost per Additional Claim | Additional Fees Required |
| Total Claims  |                                    |                             |                                   | x \$9 =                   |                          |
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Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers and please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4895. Triplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed.

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the material enclosed herewith is brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application. Consideration of the document listed on the attached 1449 form is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. § 609, Applicant further requests that a copy of the 1449 form, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

It is believed that no fee is due, as this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed prior to the receipt of any Action on the merits. However, in the event a fee is due, please charge any fee or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-4895.

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When the Examiner takes up the present application, consideration of this document is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives at the below-listed telephone number, if they can be of any assistance during prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted for

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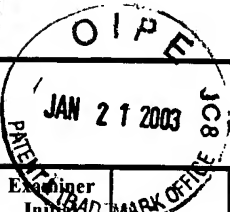
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**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Authors, Title, Date, Pertinent Papers, etc.)**

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|                     | Ersayin et al., "Magnetically Enhanced Hydroseparator," <i>Minerals and Metallurgical Processing</i> , November 2002, 19(4):187-191 |
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